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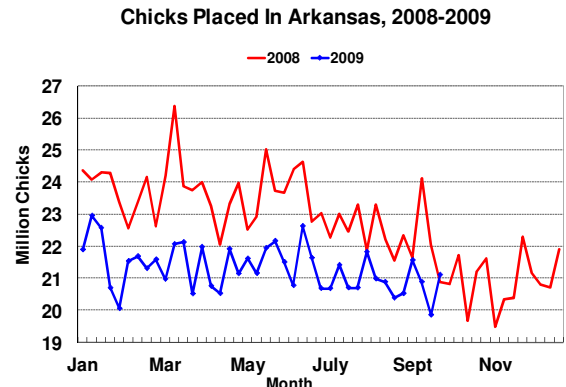
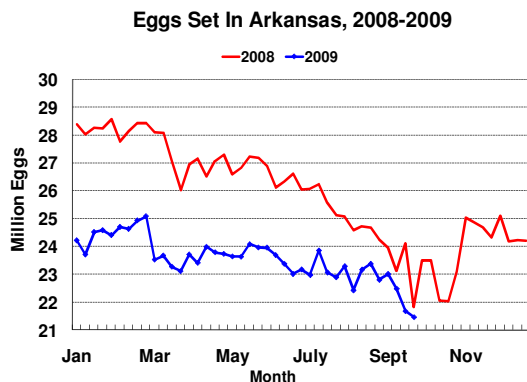


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.1 million during the week ending October 3, 2009. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and up 6 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 21.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 3, 2009, down 2 percent from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, September 5, 2009 - October 3, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	5-Sep	12-Sep	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct	5-Sep	12-Sep	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct
<i>Thousand</i>										
Alabama	27,783	27,143 *	27,613	27,963	25,677	20,875	19,669	20,598	19,960	19,588
Arkansas	22,808	23,018	22,488 *	21,683 *	21,463	20,538	21,575	20,898 *	19,868 *	21,121
Delaware	3,478	3,289	3,218	3,376	3,143	4,291	5,153	4,335	4,763	4,715
Florida	909	900	902	1,144	1,331	650	648	661	669	664
Georgia	31,504	30,922	29,307	31,291 *	28,553	27,066	26,849	26,528 *	26,461 *	25,985
Kentucky	7,193 *	7,504 *	7,025	7,744	6,852	6,657	6,665	6,573	6,427 *	6,272
Louisiana	3,409	3,394	3,379	3,346	3,304	3,016	2,953	2,996	2,892	2,982
Maryland	8,132	8,180	7,786	8,621	8,172	6,024	5,256	6,387	5,824	4,950
Mississippi	17,144	17,872	17,563	15,581	16,789	16,113	15,799	15,456	14,724	15,549
N. Carolina	17,636	16,519 *	17,408	17,632 *	17,771	15,434	15,496	15,330	14,328 *	13,975
Oklahoma	6,581	6,565 *	6,675	6,245 *	6,841	4,401	4,824	4,934	4,915	4,560
Pennsylvania	4,020	3,890	3,626	3,681 *	3,889	2,981	2,983	3,285	3,173 *	3,199
S. Carolina	5,274	5,783	5,487	5,539	5,032	4,715	4,591	4,974	4,482	4,311
Texas	14,596	14,111	13,591	13,817 *	13,075	13,094	12,861	12,689	12,753	12,473
Virginia	6,111	5,918	5,792	6,005	5,754	5,552	5,172	4,653	4,456	5,109
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,395	17,618	17,834	17,761	17,292	15,258	15,273	15,706	15,791	14,613
19 State Total	194,973 *	192,626 *	189,694 *	191,429 *	184,938	166,665	165,767	166,003 *	161,486 *	160,066
Prev. Year Total	201,630	197,833	193,569	198,742	188,431	170,363	170,671	168,148	165,813	162,480
% of Prev. Year	97	97	98	96	98	98	97	99	97	99

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 3, 2009. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 3, 2009. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through October 3, 2009 were 6.71 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.